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# SUMMARY OF THE ONTARIO

## FISHERY REGULATIONS

# 1959

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS & FORESTS  
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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**SPECKLED TROUT, BROWN TROUT, AURORA TROUT AND SPLAKE:**

May 1st to September 15th.

**KAMLOOPS TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT:**

May 1st to September 15th, except

- (1) Lake Huron (including Georgian Bay and North Channel), Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and portions of designated streams in the counties of Bruce, Durham, Grey, Huron, Norfolk, Northumberland and Simcoe, and the districts of Algoma and Manitoulin: May 1st to November 30th. (For specific information write Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto); and
- (2) Lake Simcoe:
  - (i) May 1st to October 5th; and
  - (ii) November 6th to November 30th.

**ATLANTIC SALMON (OUANANICHE):**

May 1st to October 15th.

**YELLOW PICKEREL (Dore, Pike-Perch, Walleye Pike) AND PIKE (Great Northern Pike and Grass Pike):**

- (a) No closed season in Great Lakes, Georgian Bay, North Channel, and their intervening international connecting waters, except Bay of Quinte of Lake Ontario is closed for pickerel from April 1st to May 14th.
- (b) North and west of and excluding the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing (other than (a)):-Pickerel-May 23rd to April 14th, next following (except Kenora and Rainy River and Thunder Bay districts other than Lake Superior: May 16th to April 14th next following); Pike-no closed season when taken by angling.
- (c) South of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing (other than (a) and (d)):-Pickerel-May 15th to December 31st; Pike-May 15th to March 31st next following. (See regulations for exception regarding pike in parts of Essex and Kent counties.)
- (d) St. Lawrence River: May 1st to March 1st next following, except
  - (1) Lake St. Francis: Pickerel-May 15th to November 15th; Pike-no closed season.



## LAKE TROUT:

- (a) No closed season in Great Lakes, Georgian Bay, North Channel, intervening international connecting waters, and St. Lawrence River;
- (b) January 1st to October 15th:
  - (i) Districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin, Nipissing (north of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing), Sudbury, and
  - (ii) District of Timiskaming (except the lakes designated in (c)).
- (c) May 1st to October 15th:
  - (i) Crystal Lake in Lebel Township;
  - (ii) Watabeag Lake in McEvoy, Nordica, Terry, Tolstoi and Sheba townships;
  - (iii) Miller Lake in Nicol Township;
  - (iv) Mousseau Lake in Gauthier and McElroy Townships; and
  - (v) St. Anthony Lake in Skead Township; all in the Timiskaming District.
- (d) January 1st to September 24th:  
Boundary waters between Ontario and Minnesota, excluding Lake Superior water, but including the portion of Lake of the Woods waters in Rainy River District.
- (e) No closed season when taken by angling:  
Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay Districts (except boundary waters designated in (d)).
- (f) November 6th to October 5th next following:  
South of and excluding the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing (other than the waters designated in (a) and (g)).
- (g) March 1st to October 5th:  
Frontenac, Hasting and Lennox and Addington counties.

## STURGEON:

- (a) No closed season in Great Lakes, Georgian Bay, North Channel, intervening international connecting waters and that portion of the St. Lawrence River between Lake Ontario and the dam at the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station in Stormont County.
- (b) In all waters other than (a) June 15th to May 14th next following.

## **WHITEFISH:**

No closed season; except

- (1) Namakan Lake and Rainy Lake in Rainy River District—closed from October 25th to November 15th.
- (2) Lake Simcoe—closed from October 6th to November 5th.

## **NOTE:**

No person shall fish after October 15th in

- (a) Algonquin Provincial Park; or
- (b) The counties of Durham and Northumberland (except for Rainbow or Kamloops trout in waters south of No. 2 Highway during open seasons referred to in this summary), Peterborough and Victoria; the Trent River, Lake Scugog and Dalrymple (Mud) Lake; and Beaver Creek, Crow Lake or Crow River in Hastings County.

## **LIMITS OF CATCH (ANGLING)**

**BLACK BASS:** 6 in one day.

**MASKINONGE:** 2 in one day, not less than 28 inches in length.

**YELLOW PICKEREL:** 6 in one day.

**PIKE:** 6 in one day.

**LAKE TROUT:** 5 in one day; (except Lake Simcoe—2 in one day).

**ATLANTIC SALMON (OUANANICHE):** 1 in one day.

**RAINBOW TROUT OR KAMLOOPS TROUT:** 5 of either, or 5 of any combination thereof in one day, not less than 7 inches in length.

**BROWN TROUT AND AURORA TROUT:** 5 in one day, not less than 7 inches in length.

**SPECKLED TROUT:** 1 and an additional 14 in one day, provided the additional 14 in the aggregate weigh not more than 10 pounds (except in Elgin, Middlesex and Norfolk Counties: 1 and an additional 9 in one day, provided the additional 9 in the aggregate weigh not more than 5 pounds); not less than 7 inches.

**SPLAKE:** 3 in one day, not less than 7 inches in length.

**PERCH:** Lake Mindemoya—10 per day. St. Lawrence River and tributaries east of Robideaux Bay in Cornwall Township—35 per day. Other waters—no limit specified.

**BLUE PICKEREL:** 35 in one day.

**STURGEON:** 1 in one day.

**NOTE:** Possession limit shall not exceed one day's catch. Length is measured from tip of head (jaws closed) to tip of tail (lobes compressed).



**YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO NOTE  
THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO THE ACT AND  
REGULATIONS:—**

1. To obstruct, hinder, delay or interfere with an officer in the discharge of his duty.
2. To angle in a provincial park, if you are a resident, except under a licence; provided
  - (i) a resident under the age of seventeen may angle without a licence when accompanied by a member of his family who holds a licence; and
  - (ii) the catch of such resident is included in the catch of the licensee.
3. To angle, if you are a non-resident, except under a licence; provided
  - (i) a non-resident under the age of seventeen may angle without a licence when accompanied by a member of his family who holds a licence; and
  - (ii) the catch of such non-resident is included in the catch of the licensee.
4. To hold more than one angler's licence in any year.
5. To angle unless at that time the angler has the licence on his person.
6. To obtain any licence by false representation or by false and misleading statements or other information necessary to be furnished at the time the licence is issued.
7. To accept or receive any ante-dated licence.
8. To refuse to produce and show any licence to an officer when requested to do so.
9. To transfer or become a party to the transfer of any licence or shipping coupon, or use or attempt to use a licence or shipping coupon issued to any other person.
10. To angle other than with hook and line held in the hand; or with hook, line and rod held in the hand.
11. To angle with more than one fishing line with more than four hooks. (Three small hooks in a gang on artificial lures are considered as one hook.)
12. To use unbaited hook for taking fish, but a gaff may be used to land any fish taken by angling or other legal means. (Not applicable to artificial lures.)
13. To use a spring gaff to take or attempt to take or land or attempt to land any fish.

- 14(a) To fish with, or be in possession of, a baited or unbaited snagger, snare or spring gaff on or within fifty feet of the edge of any waters; or
- (b) To use or possess a spear on or within fifty feet of the edge of any waters, except as is authorized in clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) of Item 29(a).

15. To angle for or take fish by any means from waters set apart by regulations for the conservation or propagation of fish.

16. To angle for or take fish for purposes of sale or traffic in waters licensed for net fishing, or angle for any purpose within twenty-five yards of a pound net.

17. To trespass upon or, without authority, enter upon lands owned by the Crown used as experimental fur farms, bird farms or trout-rearing stations, or climb over, break or cut fences surrounding such lands for the purpose of entering thereon.

18. To fish or while in possession of fishing equipment go upon any enclosed or unenclosed land or water after notice from the owner not to fish thereon.

19. To tear down, remove, deface or interfere with any notice or sign placed by the Department, or by landowners in accordance with this act.

20. To fish from October 16th to April 30th next following, inclusive, in,—

(1) Algonquin Provincial Park;

(2) Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria counties; the Trent River, Lake Scugog and Dalrymple Lake; Beaver Creek, Crow Lake and Crow River in Hastings County; except that this does not apply to,—

(a) the taking of rainbow trout or Kamloops trout from October 16th to November 30th in waters south of Highway No. 2 in Durham and Northumberland counties.

21. To take black bass, maskinonge, speckled trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, Kamloops trout, Aurora trout, splake or Atlantic salmon except by angling.

22. To have in possession at any time more than one day's legal catch of any species of fish.



23. To use or have in possession for taking fish any live alewife, carp, dog fish, gar pike, goldfish, perch or smelt. (Note: Live alewife or live perch may be used to take fish in the Great Lakes, connecting waters and River St. Lawrence.)

24. To use or have in possession for taking fish any lamprey in any stage of development.

25. To liberate live bait fish into any waters other than those from which they were originally taken.

26. To be concerned in the sale, purchase or barter of,—

- (i) Atlantic salmon, brown trout or rainbow trout taken from Ontario waters;
- (ii) black bass, maskinonge, speckled trout, Kamloops trout or Aurora trout, or splake; or
- (iii) yellow pickerel, pike, lake trout or sturgeon taken by angling or in any other manner without a licence.

26(a) Non-resident licensed anglers on leaving Ontario may take the lawful catch of one day's fishing for one person, provided,—

- (i) the shipping coupon supplied with the angling licence is attached to the package containing the fish; and
- (ii) the fish have not been skinned or cut up so as to make it impossible to identify the species or determine the number of fish being exported.

27. To allow the flesh of any fish taken, and suitable for food, to be destroyed or spoilt.

28. To use receptacles for the transportation of fish by hand or otherwise, unless plainly marked on the outside is a list and description of the contents and the name and address of the consignee and consignor.

29(a) To fish by any means, other than angling, except under a licence, provided this shall not apply to the taking of,—

- (i) Coarse fish, by residents, by means of a dip net not greater than six feet square or six feet in diameter, between sunrise and sunset in March, April and May, except in the areas enumerated in clauses (i), (ii) and (iv) of item 29(b);

- (ii) Coarse fish, by residents, by means of a spear between sunrise and sunset in April and May, except in the areas enumerated in clauses (i), (ii) (iii) and (iv) of item 29(b);
- (iii) Coarse fish, by residents, by means of a spear between sunrise and sunset in March in parts of Kent and Essex counties lying west or southwest of Highway No. 3, excluding Rondeau Provincial Park;
- (iv) Pike, by residents, by means of a spear between sunrise and sunset in March and April in parts of Kent and Essex counties lying west or southwest of Highway No. 3, excluding Rondeau Provincial Park;
- (v) Coarse fish, by residents, by means of a bow and arrow between sunrise and sunset in April and May in Essex County.
- (vi) Smelts, by residents, by means of a dip net not greater than six feet square or six feet in diameter in March, April and May except in the areas enumerated in clauses (i), (ii) and (iv) of item 29(b); and
- (vii) Bait fish for personal use as bait by means of one dip net not greater than three feet square or three feet in diameter or one trap not greater than 20 inches long or 12 inches in diameter.

29(b) Exceptions referred to in Item 29(a), clauses (1), (ii) and (vi):

- (i) Algonquin Provincial Park;
- (ii) Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria counties; the Trent River and Lake Scugog; Dalrymple (or Mud) Lake in Ontario County; Crow Lake, Crow River and Beaver Creek in Hastings County; and the Rideau River between Hog's Back Dam and the Ottawa River, in Carleton County;
- (iii) Dufferin, Ontario, Simcoe and York counties; and Morrison Township in Muskoka District; and
- (iv) Waters set apart for the conservation or propagation of fish.

30. To barter or sell any fish taken under (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) and (vi) of Item 29.

31. To use a seine net under an angler's bait-fish licence in any waters other than the Great Lakes, Lake Nipissing, Lake St. Clair, Lake Simcoe and the St. Lawrence River including Lake St. Francis.



32. To possess or use live bait fish to take fish from designated lakes in,—

- (a) Cochrane District: In Calder, Clute, Colquhoun, Evelyn, Fournier, German, Macklem and Sheraton townships;
- (b) Rainy River District: In all the waters of Quetico Park;
- (c) Sudbury District: In McNaught, Beulah and Mar-shay townships;
- (d) Thunder Bay District: All waters in Aldina, Conmee, Forbes, Fraleigh, Gorham, Jacques, Lybster, Mac-Gregor, Marks, McTavish, O'Connor and Scoble townships, and Inwood Lake in Inwood township;
- (e) Timiskaming District: In Bisley, Clifford, Gauthier, Grenfell, Hudson, Lebel, Morrisette and Ossian townships;
- (f) Frontenac County: In Clarendon, Miller and South Canonto townships;
- (g) Provisional County of Haliburton: All lakes in Bruntown Township, except Four-corner Lake and Kings-cote Lake;
- (h) Oxford County: Sunova (Mud or Crystal) Lake in East Nissouri township; and
- (i) Simcoe County: In Midland Park Lake in Tay Township and in the town of Midland.

33. To take or have in possession, except under a commercial licence for bait fish or a bait-fish dealer's licence,—

- (i) from November 1st to March 31st, next following, bait fish weighing in the aggregate more than forty pounds; and
- (ii) from April 1st to October 31st, bait fish in excess of fifty fish.

34. To sell or barter or offer for sale or barter any bait fish except under a commercial licence for bait fish or a bait-fish dealer's licence.

35. To import any lamprey in any stage of development or any live fish, including live bait fish or piranha, or transfer any lamprey or fish from one body of water to another in Ontario without consent of the Minister.

36. To export, without consent of the Minister, live fish including bait fish, taken by any means.

37. To take fish or spawn or have fish or spawn in possession for the purpose of stocking, artificial breeding or for scientific or educational purposes, except under authority of the Minister.

38. To use artificial lights for the taking of fish.

39. To use dynamite or other explosive material to take or cause the unnecessary destruction of fish.

40. To act as a guide except under a licence.

41. To act as a guide for any person who is not in possession of the necessary angling licence.

42. To employ any person as a guide unless such person is the holder of guide's licence.

43. To include the guide as one of his number when computing limits of catch an angler may take.

44. To use artificial lights to take frogs except under a licence.

45. To take any bull-frog except during the open season from July 1st to October 15th.

46. To use a trap to take turtles except under a licence.

47. (i) To buy, sell or possess any gill net, hoop net, pound net, seine net, or trap net except under a license.

(ii) To sell such nets to any person not the holder of a commercial fishing licence or a licence as specified in (i).

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*Your observance of the foregoing Regulations in the interest of conservation and good administration is greatly appreciated.*

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Further information may be had upon application to  
**DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS**  
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.



# **ANGLING LICENCES**

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## **LICENCE FEES**

Non-resident (for entire season) .....	\$6.50
Resident (Provincial Parks only) .....	3.25
Resident of Manitoba .....	3.25

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## **DISTRICT OFFICES**

Angling licences may be obtained at representative tourist outfitters' camps and lodges, summer camps and hotels, and sporting goods dealers. Licences and detailed information may be obtained at the following offices of the Department of Lands and Forests:

### **WESTERN REGION:**

Sioux Lookout District, District Forester, Sioux Lookout;  
Kenora District, District Forester, Kenora;  
Fort Frances District, District Forester, Fort Frances.

### **MID-WESTERN REGION:**

Port Arthur District, District Forester, Port Arthur;  
Geraldton District, District Forester, Geraldton.

### **NORTHERN REGION:**

Kapuskasing District, District Forester, Kapuskasing;  
Cochrane District, District Forester, Cochrane;  
Swastika District, District Forester, Swastika.

## **CENTRAL REGION:**

White River District, District Forester, White River;  
Gogama District, District Forester, Gogama;  
Sault Ste. Marie District, District Forester, Sault Ste.  
Marie;  
Chapleau District, District Forester, Chapleau;  
Sudbury District, District Forester, Sudbury.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:**

North Bay District, District Forester, North Bay;  
Parry Sound District, District Forester, Parry Sound;  
Pembroke District, District Forester, Pembroke;  
Algonquin Provincial Park, Park Superintendent, Cache  
Lake P.O. (Highway 60).

## **SOUTH EASTERN REGION:**

Lindsay District, District Forester, Lindsay;  
Tweed District, District Forester, Tweed;  
Rideau District, District Forester, Kemptville.

## **SOUTH WESTERN REGION:**

Lake Huron District, District Forester, Hespeler;  
Lake Erie District, District Forester, Aylmer;  
Lake Simcoe District, District Forester, Maple;  
Rondeau Provincial Park, Park Superintendent, Rondeau.

## **TORONTO (Licences):**

Room 2522, East Block, Parliament Buildings, Wellesley  
St., and Queen's Park Crescent.

## **TORONTO (Information):**

Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.



## IN EVERY WAY

# *Play it Safe!*

Every season, fishermen drown, get lost, suffer mishaps and encounter disaster because some safety precaution was overlooked, or because they were unaware of or neglected one or more of angling's prime rules for safe fishing. Here are some of the "musts":

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**LAND FISH CAREFULLY!** Keep a landing net handy — and use it. Otherwise your hand may slip on the slimy fish and run foul of a triple-barb hook, with painful results, far from a doctor. Use a heavy glove and long-nose pliers when removing hooks from "muskie" and other such fish.

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**CAST CLEAR OF OTHER ANGLERS!** Learn the overhead bait-cast. It's accurate, effortless, safe! Casting bait by the "side-winder" method is for when you're alone!

It's dangerous, of course to fly-cast directly overhead—a puff of wind may blow the hooked fly in your face. Most fly casters use a "three-quarters" cast—keeps the line to one side a bit, though, so be sure your companions are safe on your other side!

**FISH ONLY FROM A FIRM FOOTING!** To fish from a slippery rock or log is to invite disaster; avoid the loose slippery kind. Test them out with your feet before you mount them—if they don't "feel good" seek firmer footing. Take your time—and move about slowly!

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**WADE STREAMS WITH CARE!** Never chase a running fish unless you know the stream and its bottom beyond peradventure. A hidden log or rock, a hole, soft sand, or sudden drop-off, and you're down—and sometime you won't come up! Just be sure your line has plenty of backing to cope with a trout's rushes, and stand still. No fish is worth an accident!

Boating can be the safest of sports—when owner, operator and passengers make it so. Common sense and courtesy, used at all times, will make every sunset the end of a perfect boating day!

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**KNOW YOUR BOAT!** Learn what it will take under all circumstances. Use the right motor: the one recommended on the plate—too much power can damage your boat—may even swamp it!

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**BALANCE YOUR PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE:** distribute their weight from side to side and bow to stern. Don't let the bow lift too high, else wind, waves, or a quick turn may react dangerously.



**AVOID SHARP, FAST TURNS**—they're hard on equipment, may send a passenger overboard, or upset the boat. Avoid kicking up swells that could swamp smaller craft or drench their occupants. Don't show off!

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**AVOID OVERLOADING**; neither the number of seats nor their width indicate your boat's safe capacity. Under certain conditions, in fact, two or three adults may be your peak load.

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**DON'T SKIMP ON LIFE-PRESERVERS** or kapok cushions; there should be one per passenger. Children should **WEAR** life-preservers in a boat. This isn't sissy—it's just common sense!

Under threat of a sudden storm, all passengers should don life-preservers or have kapok cushions—with grips in good repair—close to hand. In rough weather, or in another boat's swells, keep low in your boat and have your passengers do likewise.

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**WHEN BOARDING A BOAT**, step into its centre. Avoid changing places except at a dock or along shore.

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**SIT DOWN IN YOUR BOAT!** Sure, you can bait-cast or fly-cast much easier standing up—but you only increase your chances of taking a dive, losing your expensive tackle, and maybe your life!

Even when fishing shallow waters, near shore, learn to fish sitting—or kneeling on the bottom, if in a canoe—thus keeping your centre of gravity low, and your stability high!

## AND NOW

# *About Forest Fires!*

In 1958, there were 1,558 fires burning over 36,652 acres of forest, much of which were part of or influenced the quality of several fine recreational and angling areas the use of which, as a result, is now temporarily, perhaps permanently, suspended.

Lightning started only 219 of these fires. The other 1,339 were started by good, law abiding people—like you! So, perhaps you can help to do something about it. You can tell and show others why they must be more careful with fire in the forests—keep it in a safe place and under control at all times. Here's how:

Build campfires only on rock, sand, gravel, or mineral soil—near water! Clear away all inflammable debris and overhanging branches. Keep your fire small—it will give enough heat.

When you leave your campfire—even for a few minutes—put it dead out, with water! And before you move on, pour more water around the edges and take a final feel of the ashes to be certain no live embers remain!

Never smoke while walking or working in the bush or on the trail. Be a good woodsman—sit down to smoke!

Crush out cigarette butts and pipe heels on rock, or throw them in water. Break matches in two and hold until cold!

Use vacuum bottles to carry hot drinks whenever possible—helps reduce the use of fire and consequently the fire hazard!

Use a spark arrester on your cabin chimney and a standard refuse burner for destroying rubbish.

In every way possible—play it safe!

**You can PREVENT FOREST FIRES - try it!**



## HINTERLAND AREA

That portion of Ontario between the Ontario-Manitoba boundary and the west shore of James Bay lying north of the 11th Base Line and its production easterly to the Wabassi River and the north shores of the Wabassi and Albany Rivers.

It is unlawful for any person, other than a resident of the "Hinterland Area," to enter and travel about this area for the purpose of angling or hunting.

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NOTE: The 11th Base Line is located at the approximate latitude 51 degrees 48 minutes north.





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**PUT  
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**USE  
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**YOU CAN  
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